



Selected Facts for Potter County - 1998

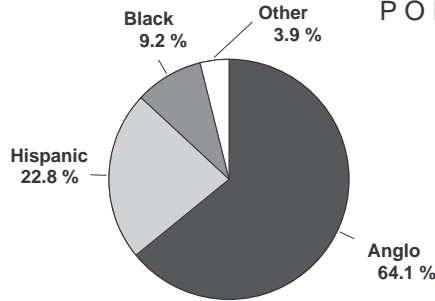
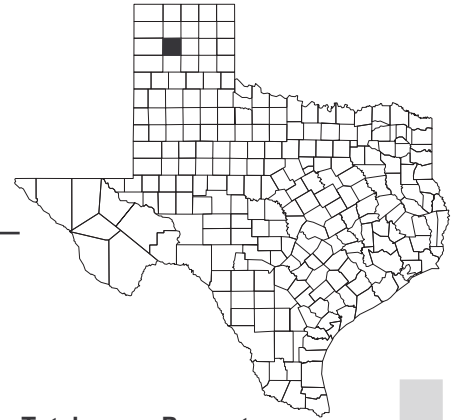
Demography

Estimated Population: 109,454

Population Rank Among Texas' 254 Counties: 30

Population Per Square Mile: 120.4

Area in Square Miles: 909



POPULATION INFORMATION

Age	Females	Males	Total	Percent
0 - 4	4,946	5,265	10,211	9.3 %
5 - 14	9,098	9,395	18,493	16.9 %
15 - 44	23,267	25,853	49,120	44.9 %
45 - 64	10,017	8,968	18,985	17.3 %
Over 64	7,871	4,774	12,645	11.6 %
Total	55,199	54,255	109,454	100.0 %

County	50.4 %	49.6 %
State	50.4 %	49.6 %

Socioeconomic Indicators

	County	State
Unemployment Rate	5.6 %	4.8 %
Average Monthly TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Recipients	2,805	474,755
Average Monthly Food Stamp Participants	12,699	1,705,795
Medicaid Expenditures ¹	\$ 62,668,725	\$ 7,139,928,839

Medicaid (Title XIX)

	County	State
Unduplicated Count of:		
Medicaid Eligibles ²	22,966	2,680,583
Medicaid Recipients ²	19,563	2,324,810
Medicaid Clients Served:		
Physicians Services	15,563	1,783,470
Inpatient Hospital Services	4,615	444,750
Outpatient Hospital Services	11,102	1,011,359
Prescribed Medications	15,027	1,894,447
Family Planning Services	2,183	181,434
THSteps (EPSDT) Checkups	10,759	1,103,223

Natality

	Number ³	County	PERCENT State
Total Live Births	2,053		
Adolescent Mothers (<18)	185	9.0 %	6.4 %
Unmarried Mothers	724	35.3 %	31.5 %
Low Birth Weight ³	208	10.1 %	7.4 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ³	518	25.3 %	20.7 %
Fertility Rate ⁴	County: 88.2	State: 76.1	

Communicable Diseases - Reported Cases

	Number	County	RATE ⁴ State
Tuberculosis	2	----	9.2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases			
Primary and Secondary Syphilis	0	----	2.2
Gonorrhea	332	303.3	166.7
Chlamydia	733	669.7	306.8
AIDS	32	29.2	21.3
Hepatitis A	179	163.5	17.9
Varicella (chickenpox)	29	26.5	103.7

Mortality

	Deaths ³	County	RATE ⁴ State
Deaths From All Causes	1,183	710.8	504.1
Cardiovascular Disease	466	248.4	179.7
Heart Disease	369	200.9	139.3
Stroke	67	32.9	29.5
All Cancer	210	144.9	124.0
Lung Cancer	66	45.9	37.6
Female Breast Cancer	16	----	18.7
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	106	63.9	21.9

	Deaths ³	County	RATE ⁴ State
Diabetes	38	22.7	17.8
Unintentional Injury (Accidents)	54	42.7	34.0
Motor Vehicle Injury	23	21.0	18.7
Homicide	7	----	7.5
Suicide	17	----	10.4
Work-related Injury	3	----	2.3
Infant Deaths	24	11.7	6.4
Fetal Deaths ³	18	----	5.8

¹ Excluding Disproportionate Share Hospital payments.

² A county with more recipients than eligibles may reflect claims paid for a service rendered to a recipient in a prior fiscal year.

³ All births and deaths are by county of residence. Low birth weight represents live-born infants weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth. Late prenatal care refers to mothers who did not receive prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy. Fetal deaths are those occurring after 20 weeks gestation and prior to birth.

⁴ Fertility rates are per 1,000 women ages 15 - 44. Infant death rates and fetal death rates are per 1,000 live births. Work-related injury death rates are per 100,000 population. The remaining death rates have been age-adjusted to the 1940 U.S. standard population per 100,000 population. Communicable disease rates are also per 100,000 population. Rates and percents have not been calculated if 20 or fewer births, deaths or cases occurred, as indicated by "----".

Health Professionals

	County	State
Direct Patient Care Physicians	395	28,903
Ratio of Population per Direct Care Physician.	277	684
Ratio of Population per General/Family Practice.	2,329	3,890
Ratio of Population (Females 15-44) per ob/gyn.	862	2,377
Registered Nurses	2,418	150,817
Ratio of Population per Registered Nurse.	45	131
Dentists69	6,991
Ratio of Population per Dentist.	1,586	2,826
Participating Medicaid Physicians	178	9,929

Health Facilities

	County	State
Acute Care Hospitals.	7	477
Licensed Beds.	1,234	72,554
Staffed Beds.	919	57,720
Disproportionate share hospital payments.	\$ 14,254,596	\$1,064,966,545
Nursing Homes.	13	1,163
Licensed Beds.	1,285	127,437

No areas/populations in Potter County were designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area as of January 31, 2000. Some subcounty areas/populations in Potter County were designated as a Medically Underserved Area as of January 31, 2000. For updated information, please check with the Health Professions Resource Center at 512-458-7261 or at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/dpa/>.

Texas Department of Health Program Summary for Potter County

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program²

Mammograms performed. 113

Children's Health Services

Children's health services available to county residents. . . . Yes

Chronically Ill and Disabled Children's Services²

Eligible children. 153
Children served.69
Amount paid. \$ 111,928

Emergency Medical Services

Ambulances permitted. 12
EMS personnel certified. 528

Family Planning Services (Title V and XX)

Family planning services available to county residents. . . . Yes

Food and Drug Safety

Facilities licensed, registered, permitted or accredited. 218

Immunization Division

Vaccine doses administered (less than age 20). 71,841

Oral Health Services²

Children receiving dental care. 82
Children provided with dental education. 2,181

Primary Health Care/COPH Services²

Reported clients served. 0

Women's Health Services

Prenatal and postpartum care services available to county residents. Yes

Kidney Health Care²

ESRD patients receiving life-sustaining treatments. 109
Estimated cost of treatments. \$ 81,981

Radiation Control Program

Health-related permit locations. 89
Certified mammography locations. 9

Tuberculosis Elimination Division¹

TB cases completing drug therapy. 2

Women, Infants, and Children's Nutrition²

Clients receiving benefits. 4,789

Zoonosis Control

Number of animals diagnosed positive for rabies. 0

City of Amarillo Department of Public Health

TDH funding. \$ 225,204

¹Data are reported by county of location of the provider.

²Data are reported by county of residence of the client.

Rankings by Selected Demographic and Public Health Measures 1996-1998 Average Values

Please note that the values presented on this page are based on a three-year average; they will not agree with values and rates shown on pages 1 and 2 of this fact sheet.

Demography	Value	Rank	Quartile	Comparison with Texas	Range of Values Ranked	Texas Value
Population (3-yr. avg.)	109,178	30/254	4	N/A	96 - 3,159,990	19,442,404
Percent Minority ¹	35.3 %	100/254	3	LOW	3.8 % - 97.9 %	42.1 %
Percent age 0 - 4	9.4 %	12/254	4	HIGH	0.0 % - 14.0 %	8.5 %
Percent age 65+	11.7 %	192/254	1	HIGH	4.8 % - 33.1 %	10.1 %
Unemployment Rate ²	5.5 %	90/254	3	HIGH	1.7 % - 32.8 %	5.3 %

¹ Minority population is defined as black, Hispanic or other

² Percent of the active labor force

Nativity	Value	Rank	Quartile	Comparison with Texas	Range of Values Ranked	Texas Value
Births (3-yr. total) 6,222						
Birth Rate ³	19.0	15/254	4	HIGH	0.0 - 28.0	17.3
Fertility Rate ⁴	88.5	18/254	4	HIGH	0.0 - 121.6	75.3
Unmarried Mothers	35.0 %	77/250	3	HIGH	11.3 % - 54.2 %	30.9 %
Late or No Prenatal Care ⁵	27.7 %	60/250	4	HIGH	4.8 % - 43.1 %	21.3 %
Adolescent Mothers ⁶	7.7 %	54/249	4	HIGH	0.0 % - 13.5 %	5.9 %
Low Birth Weight ⁷	10.7 %	11/250	4	HIGH	0.0 % - 14.9 %	7.3 %

³ Live Births per 1,000 population

⁴ Live Births per 1,000 females age 15 - 44

⁵ Births to mothers who did not receive prenatal care in first trimester of pregnancy as % of all births (-- in column indicates no births)

⁶ Births to mothers less than 18 years old as % of all births (-- in column indicates no births)

⁷ Live-born infants weighing less than 2,500 grams as % of all births (-- in column indicates no births)

Mortality	Value	Rank	Quartile	Comparison with Texas	Range of Values Ranked	Texas Value
Deaths (3-yr. total) 3,504						
Death Rate	701.2	7/249	4	HIGH	313.7 - 713.2	513.1
Heart Disease Rate	182.3	34/238	4	HIGH	78.2 - 237.3	143.3
Stroke Rate	35.1	55/176	3		14.9 - 53.6	30.4
Cancer Rate	146.4	53/230	4	HIGH	63.4 - 203.7	126.0
COPD Rate	55.1	1/145	4	HIGH	6.0 - 55.1	22.3
Diabetes Rate	24.6	29/112	4	HIGH	8.1 - 49.0	17.7
Accident Rate	40.6	101/152	2		22.9 - 115.9	34.0
Infant Mortality ⁸	9.6	5/46	4	HIGH	3.7 - 11.1	6.4

⁸ Infant Mortality is deaths of infants under the age of one year per 1,000 live births (-- in column indicates no births)

All other death rates are per 100,000 population and are age adjusted to the 1940 U.S. standard population

Morbidity	Value	Rank	Quartile	Comparison with Texas	Range of Values Ranked	Texas Value
Chlamydia Rate	570.9	1/191	4	HIGH	29.3 - 570.9	264.5
Gonorrhea Rate	266.2	4/119	4	HIGH	11.9 - 344.3	141.7
AIDS Rate	24.4	4/35	4		6.0 - 53.3	23.7

Reported Cases per 100,000 Population

A rank of 1 indicates that the measure is the highest value among all ranked counties.

Mortality and morbidity measures with 20 or less numerator events in the three-year period are not ranked (NR). Natality measures based on a denominator of 20 or less are not ranked (NR). The second number in the rank column indicates the number of counties ranked for that measure.

Quartiles are reported for all counties. A value of 1 indicates that the measure falls in the lowest 25% of all values, 2 in the next 25%, etc.

The designation of HIGH or LOW reflects a statistical comparison with the overall rate for Texas. Lack of a HIGH/LOW designation indicates either that the rate is not sufficiently different from the Texas rate or that it is not based on a sufficiently large number of events. This comparison is made for all 254 counties. Rates and values for counties or regions with small amounts of data should be used with caution as they are more susceptible to random variation and may not provide consistent estimates. Rates that appear to be high or low, but that do not have a HIGH/LOW designation are particularly unreliable. Conversely, small differences in rates that may be of little practical importance can produce a statistically significant comparison if they are based on a large amount of data. This is particularly likely to occur in regional comparisons, or with very large counties.